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SHIP GOES DOWN; 156 PEOPLE LOST

French Steamer Dashed to Pieces on Reefs in Mediterranean Sea.

ONLY ONE PERSON ON BOARD IS RESCUED

Sailing from Marseilles to Algiers the Vessel is Struck by Wild Storm and Driven to Sudden Destruction in the Dead of Night—Man is Picked Up by Fishermen.

(By Associated Press.)
PALMA ISLAND OF MAJORA, Feb. 11.—Driven helplessly from her course, in one of the wildest storms that has swept the Mediterranean sea in forty years, the French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company's steamer General Chanzy dashed at full speed, in the dead of night on the treacherous reefs near the island of Minora and all but one of the 157 souls on board perished.

The sole survivor is an Algerian customs official, Marcel Rodet, who was rescued by a fisherman and who lies tonight in the hospital at Ciudadela, raving, as a result of the tortures through which he passed and unable to give an account of the disaster.

Captain Ready to Retire.
In the ship's company there were 87 passengers, of whom thirty were in the first cabin. The crew numbered 70. It is not thought that any Americans were aboard the liner.

The ship was in command of Captain Cayol, one of the most careful officers of the line. In his long experience he had never before met with an accident. He had intended to retire from the service in the near future.

The passengers of the ship were mostly French officers and officials returning to their post in Algeria, accompanied by their wives and children; a few soldiers, some Italians and Turks and one priest. The only Anglo-Saxon names on the passenger list were Green and Stakely. They were members of an opera troupe of eleven which had been engaged to sing at the Casino in Algiers.

The ship sailed from Marseilles Wednesday at noon and was due to arrive at Algiers Thursday afternoon.

Caused Consternation.
MARSEILLES, Feb. 11.—The news of the wreck of the steamer Chanzy caused consternation in this city, whence the vessel sailed Wednesday for Algiers.

Relatives and friends of the passengers and crew rushed to the steamship office, imploring details of the accident.

Pathetic scenes were enacted when they were informed that all but one on board had perished. The government is arranging to assist the families of the crew who were members of the merchant marine.

Picked Up by Fishermen.

MARSEILLES, Feb. 11.—When the Chanzy sailed from this port, according to the details reaching here tonight, instead of heading direct for Algiers she hugged the coast as far as Barcelona in order to avoid the storm and finally ran under the shelter of the islands of Minorca and Majora. The engines broke down, however, and the vessel was rendered powerless.

The sole survivor, Marcel Rodet, brought the news to Palma.

Fisherman at day break picked up Rodet clinging to a piece of the wreckage.

WANTED TO SEE CHORUS GIRL.

Sailor Steals to Make Trip to Richmond.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 11.—To get money with which to buy a ticket to Richmond, in order that he might spend a day with one of the chorus girls with the "In Panama" company, H. C. McCann, a young sailor, stole two pistols from one of the dressing rooms of the Granby theater here last week, when the "Cowboy and the Thief" was being played. He was arrested when he returned from Richmond last Friday, and in the police court today he was sent to jail for thirty days by Justice Simmons. He admitted he stole the guns, and said he did so to get money, to go to see one of the girls of the "In Panama" company in Richmond.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES

Princess Anne County Negro Woman and Little Ones Are Hemmed in by Fire.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 11.—Hemmed by flames in the upper portion of their home, near Lamb's station, in Princess Anne county, the wife of Ernest Forbes, colored, her two nieces and two-months-old infant, were burned to death about 7 o'clock this morning. Forbes built a fire in a stove down stairs soon after arising and went into the yard. Soon thereafter his wife, who was still upstairs with the children, observed that smoke was coming up into the second story from below, and went down stairs to investigate. Finding the lower portion of the house in flames, she rushed back up stairs to get the children out of danger, but before she could do so, found her own means of escape cut off and she and the children perished together.

INHUMAN TO STOCK.

Societies Before Congressional Committee Against Railroads.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Representatives of humane societies and live stock dealers were before the house committee on commerce today protesting against the manner in which the railroads handled live stock enroute to market.

One declared that 100,000 head of stock were taken from the cars dead every year as a result of the inhuman handling of them by the railroads. The loss in money was estimated at millions in the killing of the stock and in the shrinkage in weight.

FAVOR BYRD MEASURE

Sub-Committee Recommends Proposed Primary Bill.

SLIGHT CHANGES OFFERED

With Few Amendments the Speaker's Proposition Is Endorsed—Provides That Judges and Clerks Shall Be Appointed by Electoral Boards.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 11.—The joint sub-committee of the senate and house committees on privileges and elections made their report on the primary bills before the legislature today recommending the Byrd primary bill, with slight amendments, for passage.

The only changes in the Byrd bill were made as follows:

Section 4. "The primaries herein provided for shall be held in the several precincts and at the polling places of the election shall consist of three judges and two clerks at each precinct. These officers shall be appointed by the several electoral boards from lists furnished said boards by the local executive committee of the several parties taking part in the primary, giving representation to the two parties casting the largest vote in the last preceding general election. In case only one party takes part in the primary, the electoral board shall select the said officers from a list furnished by the local executive committee of the party so participating. The list provided for in this section shall consist of a number of names at least double the number of such offices, and such names must be of persons who are qualified voters at the precinct for which they are to be appointed. The list of judges and clerks must be appointed and published at least twenty days before the primary."

The above is to be reconstituted for lines 1, 2, 3 and 4, to include the word law, section 4, page 4.

Subsection b, of section 8, as to "who may vote," and the kind of pledge prescribed, adds these words in connection with the voter: "And provided, further, that when questioned by the judges, if he shall pledge himself to support the nominees of the party in the ensuing election, he shall be allowed to vote."

The chief feature of the Byrd bill is the adoption of a system of strict primary laws by the Democratic party, and any other party that wants it which has a voting strength of 25,000. The act, however, is not compulsory and other parties in the state may elect not to work under the primary rules. The Democratic party, however, being pledged to the primary system, must work under the strict laws of the Byrd bill if the legislature adopts the measure.

TELLS HOW AULDS BARGAINED BRIBE

Accuser of New York State Senator Relates Story on Stand.

LAWMAKER FINALLY CONSENTED FOR \$1,000

Conger Goes Back of Testimony Previously Given by Deacon Moe and Gives in Detail the Transactions in Deal to Protect the American Bridge Company.

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Skillful maneuvering by Senator Ben Conger's attorneys sent the members of the State senate home for the week-end recess this afternoon with the personal testimony of Senator Jotham P. Allds' accuser ringing in their ears. Conger's affidavit charging Allds with taking a \$1,000 bribe from the bridge building company was read before the senate when it began this investigation last Wednesday, as a committee of the whole, but its cold legal phrases could not carry the weight of Conger's accusations voiced on the witness stand today.

Conger not only confirmed the story of Hiram G. Moe, the Groton bank cashier and church deacon, but he went back of Moe's story and related the incidents preceding the actual delivery of the alleged bribe. He told how Allds said to him: "You better get your men up here and see the rule, committee (of which Allds was a member) so that bill will come out." He recited in detail how Allds bargained with the witness Crolier, Frank Conger, the vice-president of the bridge company, until Allds finally consented to protect the bridge interests for \$1,000.

The investigation today went one step further toward identifying the other men charged by Conger and Moe with having shared with Allds the \$6,000 sent from Groton to Albany by Frank Conger on behalf of the American Bridge Company.

Conger asserted that neither of these men was a member of the legislature at the present time.

HOWLING NOR'EASTER SWEEPS THIS SECTION

Gale Brings Heavy Fall of Snow Which Changes Into Downpour of Rain.

Tidewater Virginia was swept yesterday afternoon and last night by one of the worst storms of the winter. The storm broke here about 3 o'clock with a light fall of snow which increased steadily for two hours. Just before midnight, the snow changed to a downpour of rain, which lasted until late in the night. A high wind accompanied both the snow and rain.

Warnings of the storm were received here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from the weather bureau at Washington. The storm began over Alabama and moved rapidly northeastward and was general last night along the Atlantic coast from New York to Miami, Fla., and on the Gulf coast.

The wind and snow and rain made it exceedingly dangerous for shipping in the late afternoon and night. No vessels, other than the larger steamers ventured out of this port. A number of coal-laden schooners and barges dropped down into Hampton Roads and anchored there to await clear weather before putting to sea. So far as was reported last night no damage was done to shipping in this section.

Little Girl Burned to Death.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 11.—Little Eva Parsons, the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nellie Parsons, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the City Hospital, as the result of burns received by fire which caught her clothes from an open grate four hours earlier at the Associated Charities building.

The child was alone in a room on the second floor. Her screams attracted Dr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, who found her enveloped in flames from head to feet.

SHOULD NOT EVEN CALL PEARY "COMMANDER"

Secretary Meyer Says Right Title for Explorer is "Civil Engineer."

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Antagonism to the Hale and Allen bills, which propose to give the rank of rear admiral to "Commander" Robert E. Peary, and retire him on full pay, was shown by a sub-committee of the house committee on naval affairs when the six members of that body today voted unanimously against bestowing that honor upon Peary.

"Commander" Peary's naval record was given to the committee in a letter from Secretary of the Navy Meyer, in which was contained the information that he should be designated as "civil engineer" and not "commander." The secretary spoke of "Commander" Peary's discovery of the pole as a "self imposed but most commendable task." He said that Peary's various exploring expeditions cannot be regarded as having been conducted for a strictly military or naval purpose, and "for this reason it seems appropriate to confer upon him a title for which his previous education, training and service have not fitted him."

While the members of the committee might look with some favor to giving Peary a medal, it is said, they expressed themselves as wholly against any plan of "pensioning" him with increased pay.

Speaking of the matter today, Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, a member of the committee, said that Peary had been absent from duty in the navy department most of the time he has been connected with it and has done nothing to entitle him to this honor.

MOST UNIQUE OF ALL ACTRESSES IS DEAD

Crazy Woman Attracted Big Audiences By Her Ridiculous Manner.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Feb. 11.—Death removed today one of the most unique and pathetic figures of the American stage.

"Madame Periwinkle" has passed away, convinced to the end that the peering audiences which greeted her a generation ago really acclaimed her the greatest actress of her time.

Twenty years ago Mrs. Susanne Martin, (Madame Periwinkle), her mind unbalanced by the acts of her husband, conceived the idea that she was a great actress. A cynical manager, foreseeing a unique feature for his house, encouraged the belief and Madame Periwinkle appeared in vaudeville.

She could neither sing nor dance and her costume was made up of weird, ill-fitting odds and ends, but again and again she appeared before crowded houses and received the jeering plaudits as genuine appreciation.

The novelty at last wore off, and her feeble brain gave way entirely. She was 61 years old.

NAVAL OFFICERS ARE RESTORED TO DUTY

Secretary Winthrop Passes on Cases of Auld and Robnett.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Assistant Secretary Winthrop, of the navy department, has passed on the cases of Paymaster George P. Auld, United States navy, and Past Assistant Surgeon Ansey H. Robnett, who were charged at a ball recently given in Boston by a naval officer, with conduct unbecoming officers and gentlemen in assaulting Dr. Cowie, a civilian.

In the case of Auld the loss of numbers adjudged by the court is remitted and he is ordered released from arrest and restored to duty. The findings of the court and sentence, however, are approved.

In the case of Robnett, the sentence is mitigated to a loss of two numbers in his grade and he is ordered released from arrest and restored to duty.

The sentence of the court was that each officer should lose five numbers in his grade.

VIRGINIA'S RIVERS SHARE IS REPORTED

Waterway and Harbor Appropriation Bill Goes to the House.

\$100,000 APPROPRIATED FOR JAMES RIVER

Among Projects Named in Measure Are Norfolk Harbor, Thimble Shoal and Cape Charles—Thirty-five Foot Channel Project Not Included.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Waterway projects at a cost of \$42,265,276, of which \$7,206,430 is for continuing contracts, are provided for in the rivers and harbor appropriations bill, which was reported to the house today by the committee on rivers and harbors. The bill will be called up in the house Monday in an effort to press the measure to expeditious passage.

The bill provides for harbor projects for greater depth at Norfolk, Va., and Mobile, Ala., besides a host of projects for the Mississippi river, the Great Lakes, New York harbor and Pacific coast waterway improvements.

The projects already under improvement aggregate \$252,017,400, including the Mississippi river from Cairo to the head of the passes, Southern projects of \$40,000 or over are as follows:

Virginia—Norfolk harbor and its approaches, general improvement, \$45,000; removal of Thimble Shoals, \$300,000; Cape Charles City harbor, \$20,000; York, Mattaponi and Pamunkey rivers and Occoquan and Carter's creeks, \$50,000; James river, \$100,000; Appomattox river, maintenance and improvement, \$20,000; Petersburg, \$54,000.

North Carolina—Neuse and Trent rivers, \$36,000; New River, including inland waterways between Beaufort harbor and New river and Swainsboro, \$23,700; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, \$200,000; Bay river, \$21,000.

South Carolina—Winyah bay, \$150,000; Charleston, \$150,000; Little Pee Dee river, \$20,000; Great Pee Dee river, \$30,000; Santee, Wateree and Congaree rivers and Esteville-Mineo canals, \$5,000.

Hampton Roads Project Out.

It appears that the committee eliminated the proposed appropriations for dredging 35-foot channels to the Norfolk navy yard and the local shipyard. It was proposed to expend \$465,000 in cutting a new 35-foot channel through Middle Ground Bar. These appropriations were recommended by the war department, and it is believed that they will be made later.

GUNNERS ON VIRGINIA HURT IN EXPLOSION

Men Receive Injuries While Firing Salute Off Cuba.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Two gunners were injured in an explosion which occurred on the battleship Virginia yesterday while that vessel was engaged in firing a salute off Guantanamo, Cuba. A charge which was being hoisted into one of the Virginia's guns exploded as it was being placed in the breech. Third Class Gunners Mate J. Irvin, who was working at the gun, had his right hand badly mutilated by the explosion and the surgeons found it necessary to amputate the arm above the wrist. T. W. Brunce, another third-class gunners mate, was severely burned about the face.

Both the men were transferred to the fleet hospital ship Solace where their injuries are being cared for.

Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet, has ordered an investigation into the cause of the accident.

The Virginia, with the other battleships of the Atlantic fleet are engaged in maneuvers in the West Indies with Guantanamo as headquarters.

JURY IN GORDON CASE FAILS TO REACH VERDICT

No Agreement in the Trial of Norfolk Banker and Will Face Court Again.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 11.—The jury in the case of Terry H. Gordon, president of the failed Traders' and Truckers' Bank, of Portsmouth, on trial for alleged false statement of the bank's condition to the State Corporation Commission, failed to agree this morning, and was discharged by Judge Hanchel from further deliberation of the matter. He will be tried again in March, and Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton declared today that he will try Gordon every month until he gets a conviction, or the prisoner is acquitted. Gordon was released on bond in the sum of \$5,000.

COL. WILLARD CABLES MANN HIS RESIGNATION

Member of Corporation Commission Wishes to be Released from Office.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 11.—Col. Joseph E. Willard cabled today from Paris to Governor Mann his resignation as a member of the State Corporation Commission to take effect at once. The governor has not accepted it and would not enter into any discussion as to who would be named for the unexpired term.

Colonel Willard was appointed to the corporation commission by Governor Montague shortly before that official went out of office. His term expires February, 1912.

CONFESSES TO ROBBERY

St. Louis Man Says He Was in Holdup Band.

SAYS \$600 WAS SECURED

Tells Story of Stopping Missouri Pacific Train and Rifling the Mail Near Eureka—Three Others Are Arrested as Accomplices to Crime.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 11.—Following his confession that he took part in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific train at Eureka, Mo., on the night of January 21, George Ebeling pleaded guilty today to a charge of robbing the mails.

Ebeling was arrested yesterday at Hot Spring, Ark. W. W. Lowe, who is implicated by Ebeling's confession, his brother, James Lowe, and S. W. Emerson, were arrested here Wednesday.

Arrests of the four men was kept secret until Ebeling was brought here today.

The Lowes and Emerson, when arraigned before United States Commissioner Macey, pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery of the mails and were ordered held in \$20,000 bond each until next Friday. Ebeling's bond was fixed at the same amount.

Emerson declared he could prove he was not outside of the city of St. Louis on the night the robbery occurred.

Ebeling, in his confession to the postoffice inspector, said James Lowe and Emerson had no part in the holdup and robbery.

W. W. Lowe, according to the postoffice inspectors, was in the train robbery at Blue Cut, near Kansas City, in 1898.

They said he confessed his part and turned state's evidence.

The robbery near Eureka, according to Ebeling, netted \$600. The Missouri-Pacific railroad Wednesday announced the robbers obtained \$153.

CAPT. J. E. B. STUART BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Collector Making Determined Fight for Reappointment—Disposing of Big Fights.

Collector of Customs J. E. B. Stuart returned yesterday morning from Washington, D. C., where he has been for several days in the interest of his candidacy.

It is understood that the powers that be in State Republican circles have informed the candidates for the collectorship that attention will not be turned to the situation here until the two big fights for federal plums in Southwest Virginia can be disposed of.

PAY TO CAMPAIGN FIXES HIS WORTH

Harrison Heaps Caustic Criticism Upon Diplomacy of Secretary Knox.

MEASURES FITNESS OF MAN BY CONTRIBUTIONS

New York Representative Declares Men Are Not Appointed to High Positions on Merit—Says Ambassadors Are Often Messenger Boys in Silk Knee Breeches.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Secretary of State Knox was subjected to some very caustic criticism in the house today by Representative Harrison, of New York, during consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

Many bold strokes in diplomacy, said Mr. Harrison, were only justified by their success as in the instance of President Cleveland's Venezuelan message. But that had not been the case with some of the bold strokes of diplomacy brought forth by Secretary Knox, he said. The Nicaragua imbroglio, the Manchurian railway matter and Secretary Knox's declaration that he would find it his duty to see that the Democratic form of government should be maintained in Central America, he said, were examples of failure in the diplomacy of Secretary Knox.

Will Cause Mortification.
"This position was so untenable," he added, referring to the maintenance of democratic governments in Central America, "that some day we will be obliged to retire from it with mortification."

There had been an obvious difficulty in procuring men of proper character and ability to serve the United States abroad, said Mr. Harrison. The French mission was vacant for months until a man of proper calibre could be found.

"Take Austria, where a man (R. C. Kerns) has been sent to represent the United States, after having his fitness for the position measured chiefly by the size of his campaign contribution."

"Take the English mission, after that position had been declined publicly by a noted educator (Dr. Eliot) it has been offered by a New York newspaper to Paul Morton and if Mr. Morton is appointed that act will be to award a self-confessed violator of law and it will become patent to all the world that the path of the reformer is to lead to the foot of the throne."

Are Mere Boys.
"This difficulty in finding good men for foreign missions," Mr. Harrison said, "was the result of the destruction of diplomacy by the ocean cable."

Today, the ambassadors are too often messenger boys in silk knee breeches with powder, who spend their time being photographed as the hosts of royalty or in playing the part of "hands across the seat," declared Mr. Harrison.

"An active man in the same position would seem impossible."

OSCAR T. NEWBILL DEAD.

Young Man Passes Away After Brief Illness With Typhoid Fever.

Oscar T. Newbill, aged 36 years, died last night at 9:50 o'clock at the St. Francis hospital after an illness of three weeks with typhoid fever. Mr. Newbill had been in extremis several days and the end came not unexpectedly.

The body will be taken to the home of the local lodge of Elks, of which Mr. Newbill was a member, this morning, and will lie there until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Ritualistic services will be conducted by the lodge at 2 o'clock and the body will be sent on the 5:05 train to the old home in South Boston, Va., where interment will be made.

The following will act as pallbearers: M. P. Ward, T. P. Korman, H. M. Vandegrift, A. N. Dillon, A. M. Sheer, W. S. Bricker, N. F. Ketchum and H. C. Petzold.

Mr. Newbill had lived in this city for the past eight years, being employed in R. J. Macey's cafe. He was popular with a wide circle of friends. Mr. Newbill is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. M. Newbill, and three brothers and two sisters as follows: Ira P. Newbill, Edgar D. Newbill, Steven T. Newbill, Mrs. A. D. Crenay and Miss Alma Newbill, all of this city.